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Kimitaka WATANABE et al.

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For: ELECTROLUMINESCENCE LIGHT EMITTING SHEET

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information, which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. ☒ Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. ☒ Copies of IDS citations, except for U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application publications.
- 1c. ☐ English language copy of a communication(s) from a foreign Patent Office or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d. ☒ English language translation (complete, Abstract or relevant portion(s)) attached to non-English language publications as indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449.
- 1e. ☒ Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of non-English publications.
- 1f. ☐ List of Copending Applications (ATTACHMENT 1(f), hereto).
- 1g. ☐ List of Additional Submitted Documents (ATTACHMENT 1(g), hereto).

2. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(b):*(Check either Item 2a or 2b or 2c or 2d)*

- 2a. ☐ Within three months of the filing date of a national application;
- 2b. ☐ Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application.
- 2c. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; or
- 2d. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114.

3. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) after the period specified in paragraph 2 above but before the mailing date of any of a Final Office Action under § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311 or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, AND

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3a. ☒ The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; OR

3b. ☐ The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is:

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4. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) after the period specified in paragraph 3 above, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee, AND

4a. ☐ The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; AND

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5. ☒ Statement under § 1.97(e) *(applicable if Item 3a or Item 4a is checked)*

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5a. ☒ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), it is stated that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from the U.S. PTO or a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

5b. ☐ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2), it is stated that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

6. ☐ This is a continuation/divisional/continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).

(Check appropriate Items 6a and/or 6b)

6a. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were previously cited in prior application Serial No. __, filed on __, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, have been omitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

6b. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. __, filed on __, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are provided herewith.


7. ☐ This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.
(Check either Item 7a or 7b)
- 7a. ☐ The Issue Fee has not been paid.
- 7b. ☐ A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313(c) is filed concurrently herewith or has been granted. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, after payment of the Issue Fee, is proper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114(a), respectively.
8. ☐ This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
(Check either Item 8a or 8b)
- 8a. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on _____. A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 CFR § 1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental IDS can be considered as if properly filed on _____.
- 8b. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within one (1) month of the Notice under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, mailed _____.
9. ☒ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is:
(Check appropriate Items 9a, 9b, 9c and/or 9d)
- 9a. ☐ satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) cited on the enclosed "English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office". (See MPEP § 609, Minimum Requirements for an Information Disclosure Statement, Part A(3): Concise Explanation of Relevance, 8th Ed., Rev. 2)
- 9b. ☒ set forth in the application (as to Japanese Ref. No. 8-153582).
- 9c. ☒ satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449 as having an English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) attached thereto(as to Japanese Ref. No. 8-153582).
- 9d. ☒ enclosed as Attachment 1(e), hereto.
10. No admission is made that the information cited in this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability nor a representation that a search has been made (other than search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report, if submitted herewith). 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h).

11. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17 for this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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FORM PTO-1449	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 1419.1080	APPLICATION NO. 10/624,682
LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>		FIRST NAMED INVENTOR Kimitaka WATANABE et al.	
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
	A	5,793,158	8/11/98	Wedding, Sr.			
	B	6,091,382	7/18/00	Shioya et al.			
	C						
	D						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION YES NO		ABSTRACT
	E	59-25197	2/9/84	Japan		X	
	F	4-51795	4/30/92	Japan		X	
	G	8-153582**	6/11/96	Japan			X
	H	2001-52875	2/23/2001	Japan		X	
	I	2001-337633	12/7/2001	Japan		X	
	J	2002-50486	2/15/2002	Japan		X	

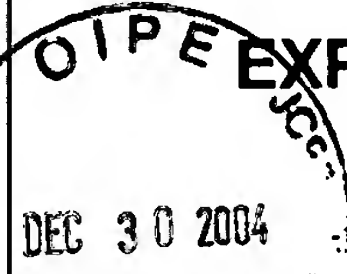
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		TRANSLATION YES NO	
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*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

ATTACHMENT 1(e)

 EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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Japanese Reference No. 8-153582 is already of record. Nevertheless, it shows a transparent electrode 6 formed as a film on one surface side of a light-emitting layer 5 and a portion of the light-emitting layer corresponding to the transparent electrode 6 emits light when a voltage application is performed. An insulator layer 4 is formed between an electrode member 3 and the light-emitting layer 5. The light-emitting layer is covered with, for example, a protective film made of epoxy.

Japanese Reference No. 2001-337633 uses a control unit to realize a plurality of light-emitting modes which are different from one another by performing voltage application. This reference indicates that "the display device in the present invention comprises a plurality of light-emitting portions and... each ... has a pair of electrodes, a dielectric material...and a control unit for energizing each of the plurality of electrodes."

Japanese Reference No. 2002-50486 also uses a control unit to realize a plurality of light-emitting modes which are different from one another by performing voltage application. The reference describes that a "comb-shaped pattern electrode 20 is formed in each segment B2 to B24."

Japanese Reference Nos. 59-25197 and 2001-52875 form a base film and deposit a metal such as copper, aluminum or the like on the base film. The deposited metal layer is etched to yield a predetermined pattern.

Japanese Reference No. 4-51795 shows an insulating film 9 and a black cooler film 10 that are laminated on and around a Ta oxide black conductor 8 to prevent a back electrode from standing out.